

REMARKS

Claims 6, 10-27, 29, 30, 32-36, and 38-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer pursuant to a restriction election. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to assert these claims in any future divisional or continuation applications.

The Examiner's requirement for restriction divided the application into species groups as follows:

- a. The species of a concave v-shaped jaw,
- b. The species of a concave radiused jaw with no axial cut, and having a radius of curvature smaller than the tubular being gripped,
- c. The species of a concave radiused jaw with no axial cut, and having a radius of curvature larger than the tubular being gripped,
- d. The species of a concave radiused jaw with an axial cut,
- e. The species of a convex jaw,
- f. The species of a metallic overlay that engages the tubular, and
- g. The species of a non-metallic overlay that engages the tubular.

Applicant respectfully elects the prosecution of Claims 1-5, 7-9, 28, 31, 37 and 42 for Species Groups e and f as identified by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claim 28 appears to be generic and respectfully submits that Claim 28 should be prosecuted with the elected species.

In light of the above restriction election and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in formal condition for allowance and courteously ask for this application be advanced to issue. The Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fees are required with the submission of this response. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby respectfully authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account Number 13-2166. The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative,

Taras P. Bemko, at 713-355-4200, to discuss any matters, that may arise, where such discussion may resolve such matters and place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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